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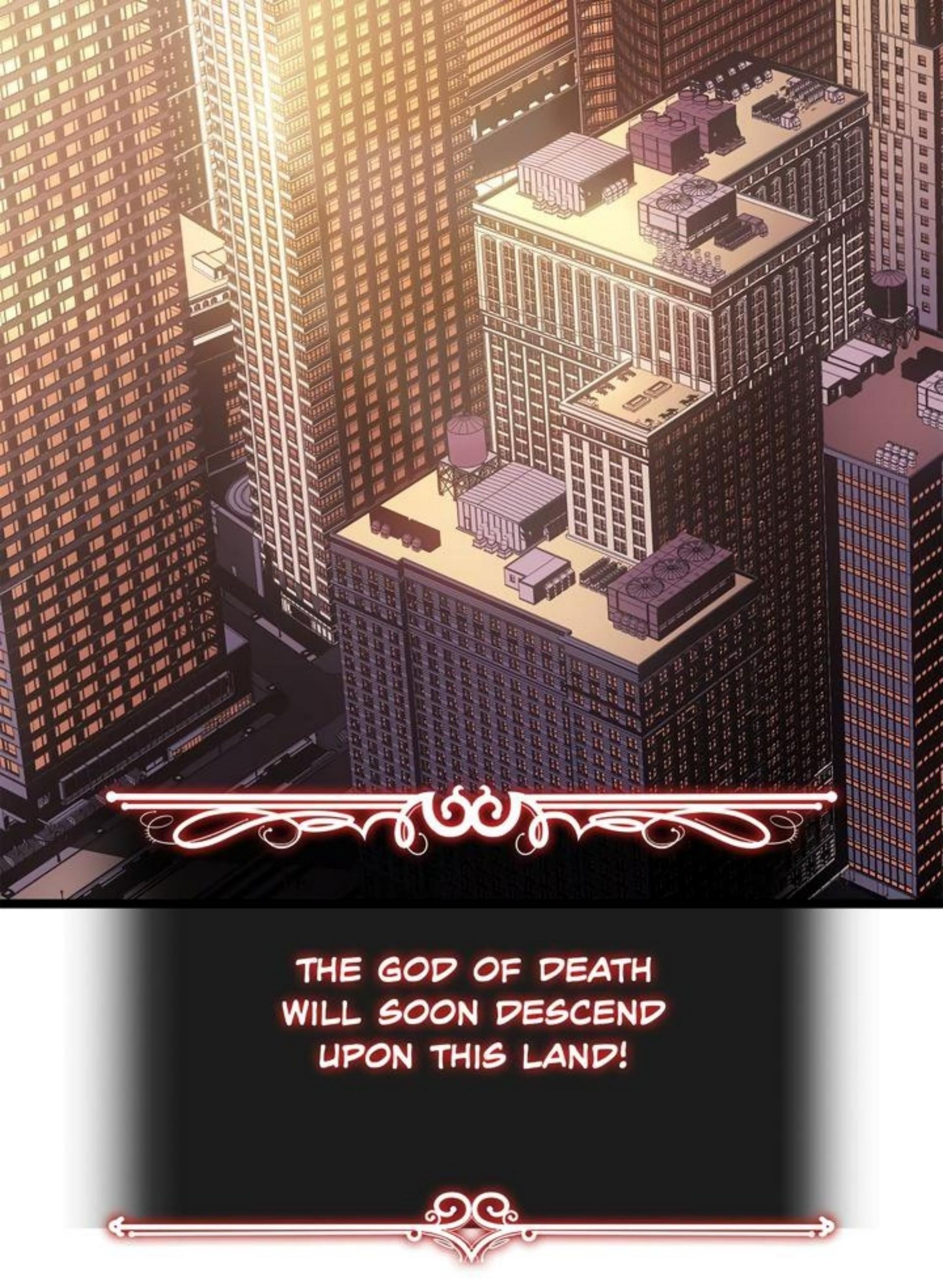
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BACK ON EARTH,  
WHERE TWO YEARS  
HAD PASSED,

THE WORDS OF A CERTAIN  
FORTUNE TELLER BECAME  
A CAUSE FOR UPROAR ALL  
ACROSS AMERICA.





THE GOD OF DEATH  
WILL SOON DESCEND  
UPON THIS LAND!

UNDER NORMAL  
CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS  
PROPHECY WOULD  
HAVE GONE IGNORED.

BUT THE FACT  
THAT IT WAS DELIVERED  
BY NONE OTHER THAN  
MS. NORMA SELNER  
HERSELF...

...MADE IT  
A BIG ISSUE.



THE GOD OF DEATH  
WILL DESCEND UPON  
THIS LAND WITH A  
COLOSSAL ARMY.

AS YOU KNOW,  
NONE OF US CAN  
ESCAPE DEATH. SO  
RUNNING AWAY FROM  
HIM WILL BE FUTILE.

TWO YEARS AGO,  
AFTER HER THIRD  
EYE SUDDENLY  
OPENED,



MS. SELNER PREDICTED  
THE DEATH OF A NORTH  
KOREAN DICTATOR. AN

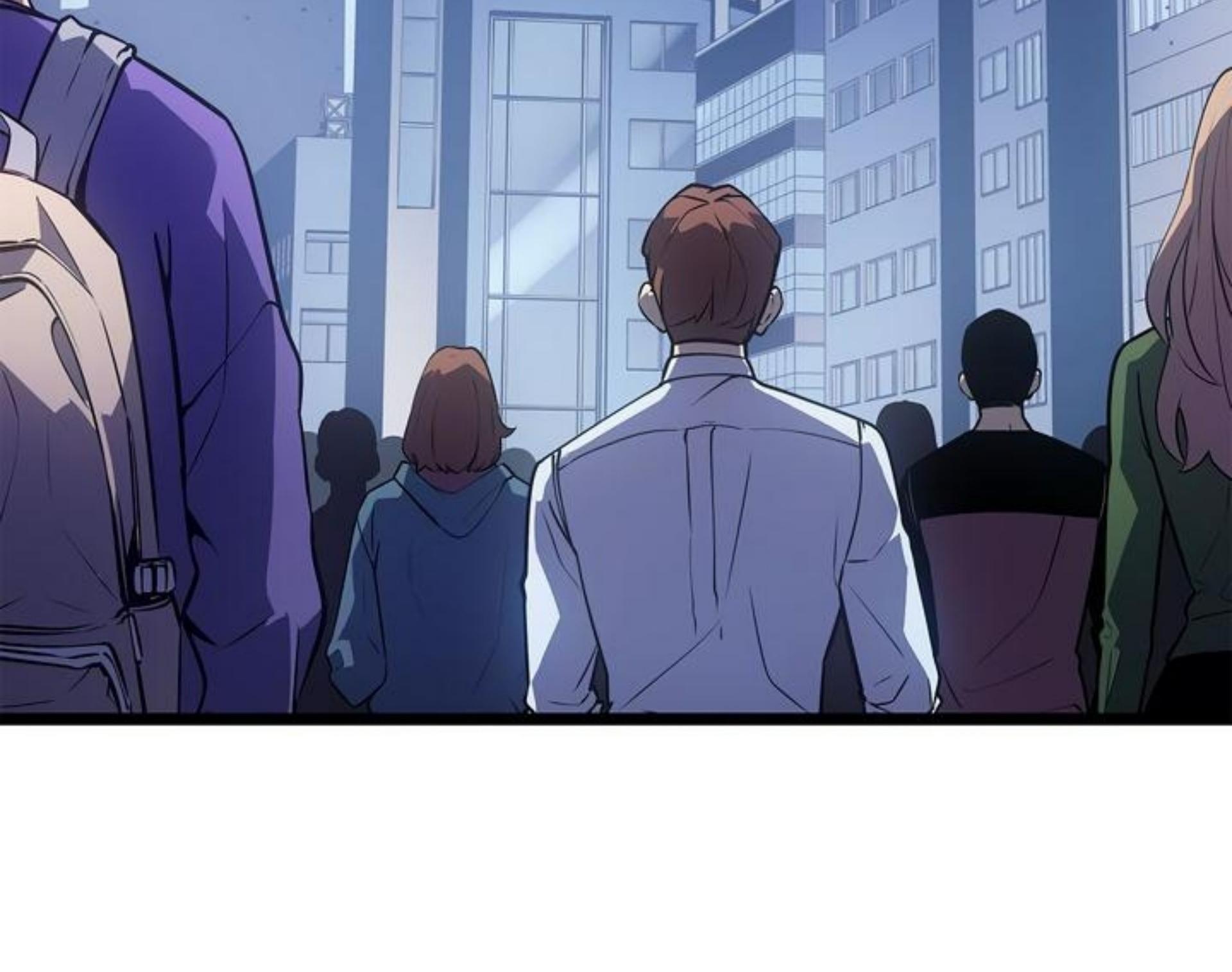
KOREAN DICTATOR, AN AIRPLANE HIJACKING BY TERRORISTS, AND A STOCK MARKET CRASH DUE TO PLUMMETING HOUSE PRICES.

SINCE THEN, SHE HAD BEEN THE CENTER OF CONTROVERSY DUE TO HER ACCURACY TIME AND TIME AGAIN.

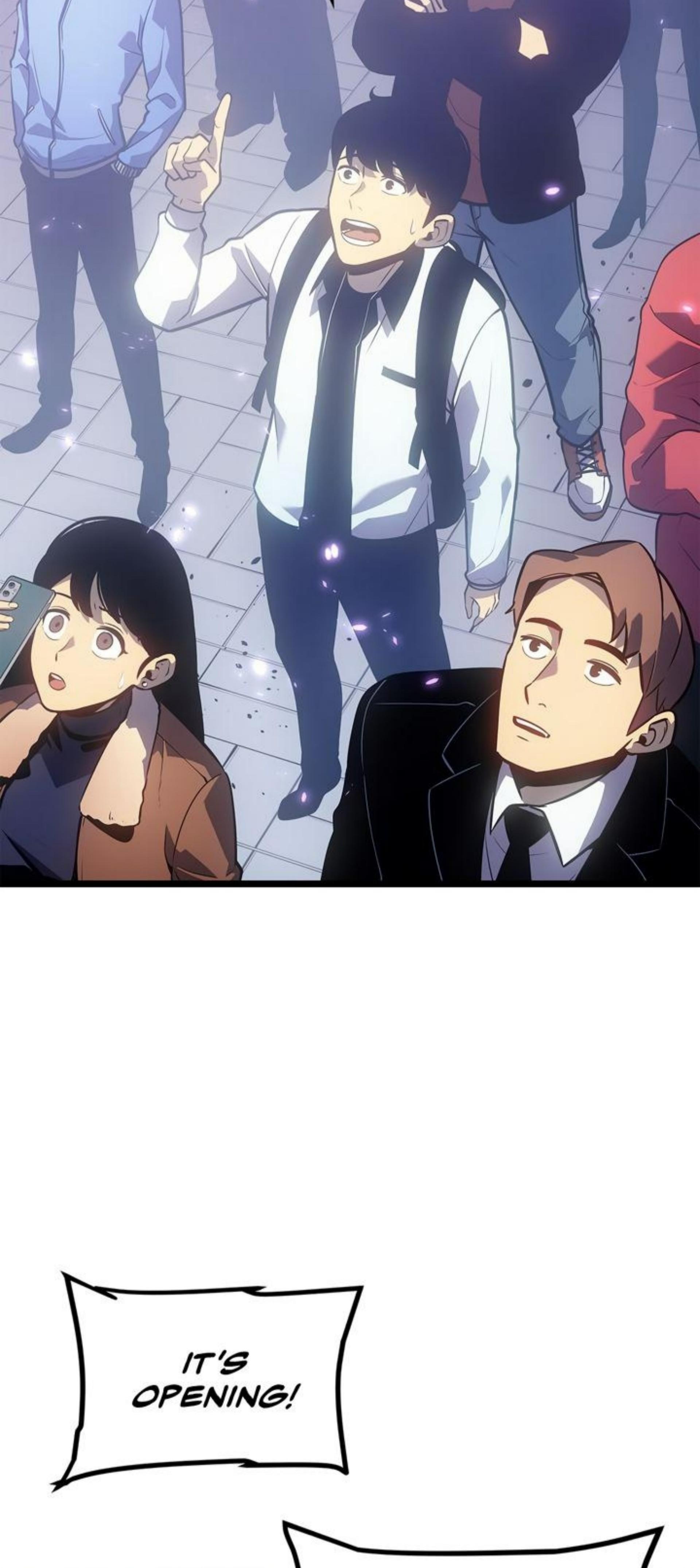
SO WHEN SHE PROCLAIMED THE END OF THE WORLD, EVERYONE WAS UTTERLY SHOCKED.

THE VERY NEXT DAY, A BLACK HOLE BIG ENOUGH TO ECLIPSE THE ENTIRE SKY OVER SEOUL APPEARED,

AND MS. SELNER'S PROPHECY MADE HEADLINES ALL ACROSS THE WORLD.



...HUH?  
LOOK!



IT'S  
OPENING!

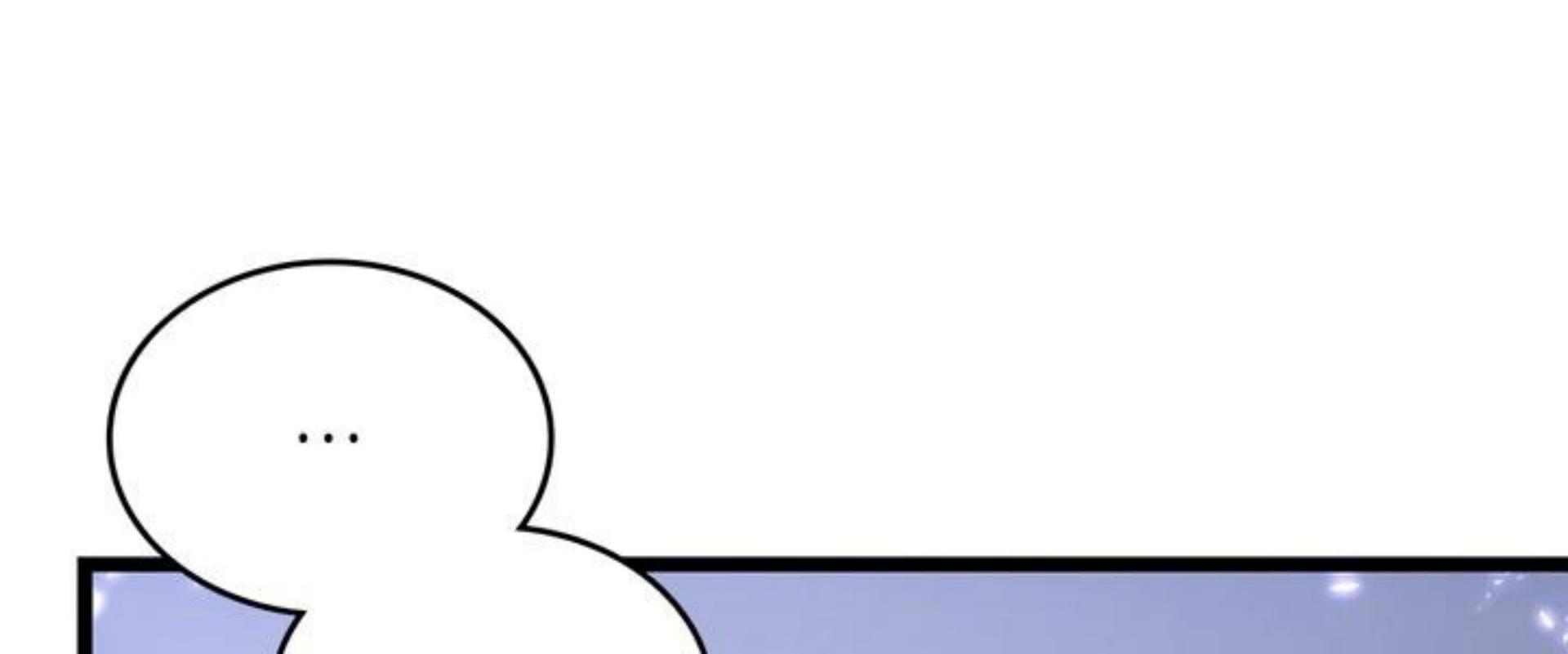
THE HOLE IS  
OPENING!

CRACK

SHATTER

AAAHH!!

EEK!!



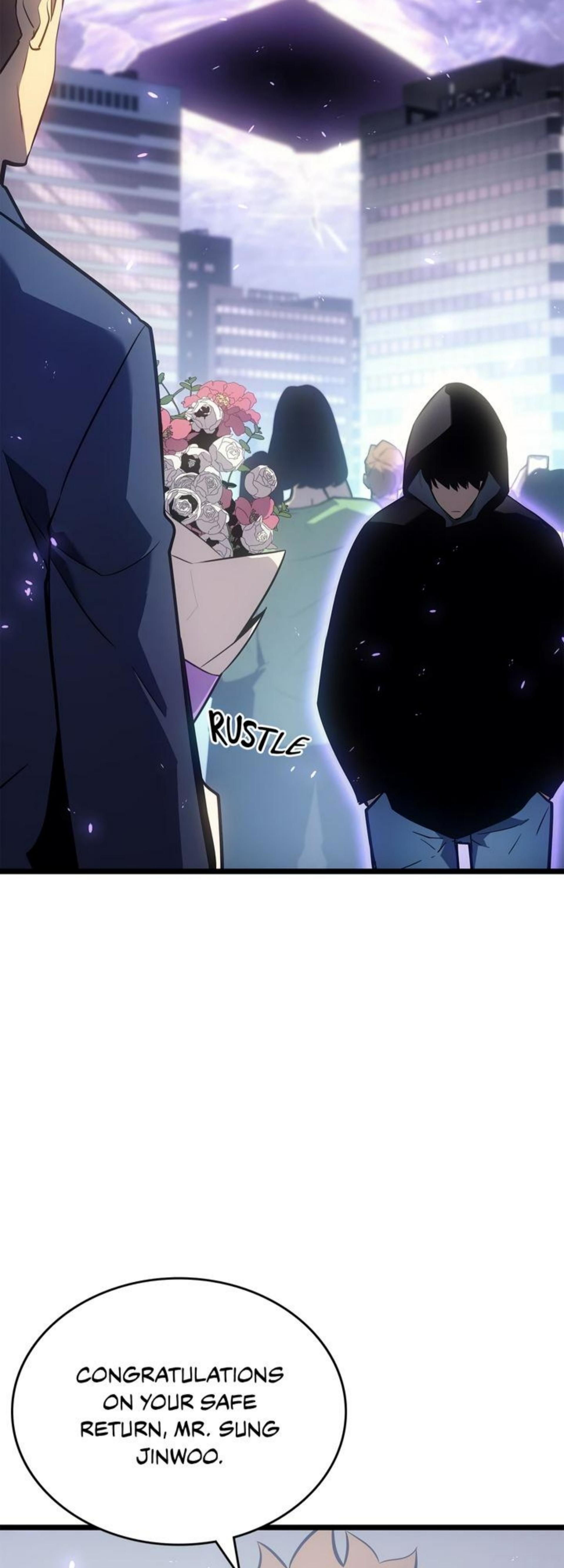
...?



WH, WHAT'S  
GOING ON?

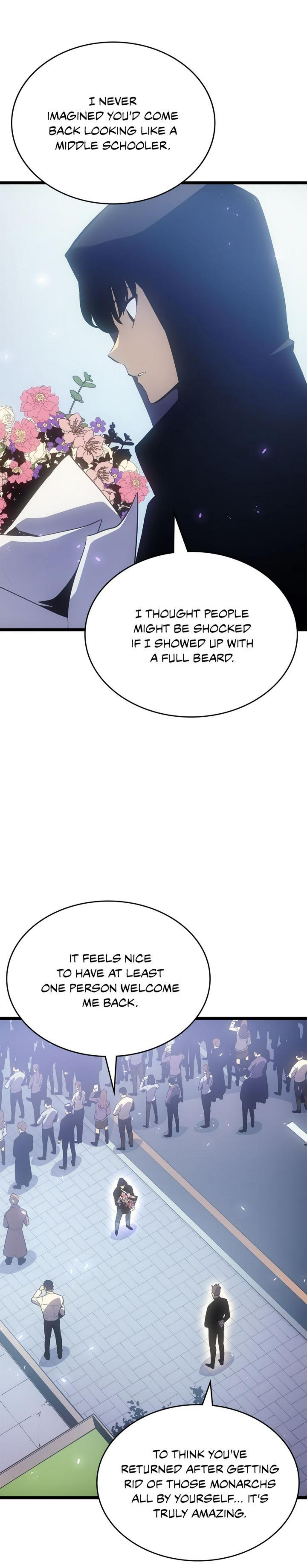
IS THAT IT?

BUT NOTHING  
CAME OUT.



CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR SAFE  
RETURN, MR. SUNG  
JINWOO.

OR SHOULD I SAY,  
MONARCH OF SHADOWS?



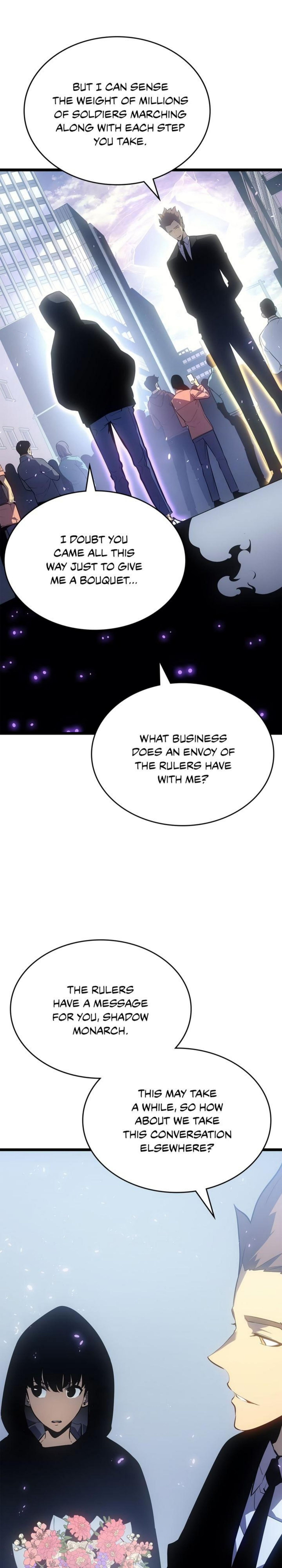
I NEVER  
IMAGINED YOU'D COME  
BACK LOOKING LIKE A  
MIDDLE SCHOOLER.

I THOUGHT PEOPLE  
MIGHT BE SHOCKED  
IF I SHOWED UP WITH  
A FULL BEARD.



IT FEELS NICE  
TO HAVE AT LEAST  
ONE PERSON WELCOME  
ME BACK.

TO THINK YOU'VE  
RETURNED AFTER GETTING  
RID OF THOSE MONARCHS  
ALL BY YOURSELF... IT'S  
TRULY AMAZING.



BUT I CAN SENSE  
THE WEIGHT OF MILLIONS  
OF SOLDIERS MARCHING  
ALONG WITH EACH STEP  
YOU TAKE.

I DOUBT YOU  
CAME ALL THIS  
WAY JUST TO GIVE  
ME A BOUQUET...

WHAT BUSINESS  
DOES AN ENVOY OF  
THE RULERS HAVE  
WITH ME?

THE RULERS  
HAVE A MESSAGE  
FOR YOU, SHADOW  
MONARCH.

THIS MAY TAKE  
A WHILE, SO HOW  
ABOUT WE TAKE  
THIS CONVERSATION  
ELSEWHERE?



ALL RIGHT.  
I JUST THOUGHT  
OF A PLACE I WANT  
TO STOP BY.



YOU WANTED TO  
STOP BY AN ICE  
CREAM SHOP?

Nom  
Nom

BEING IN THE  
MIDDLE OF NOWHERE  
FOR SO LONG REALLY  
GIVES YOU A CRAVING  
FOR SWEETS.

SO WHAT DID THE  
RULERS SAY?

OH, RIGHT. THEY  
WOULD FIRST AND  
FOREMOST LIKE TO  
THANK YOU-

JUST SKIP  
THE FORMALITIES  
AND CUT TO  
THE CHASE.

HAS THERE  
BEEN SOME KIND  
OF PROBLEM?

NO. RATHER,  
I'M HERE...

...BECAUSE  
EVERYTHING HAS  
BEEN RESOLVED.

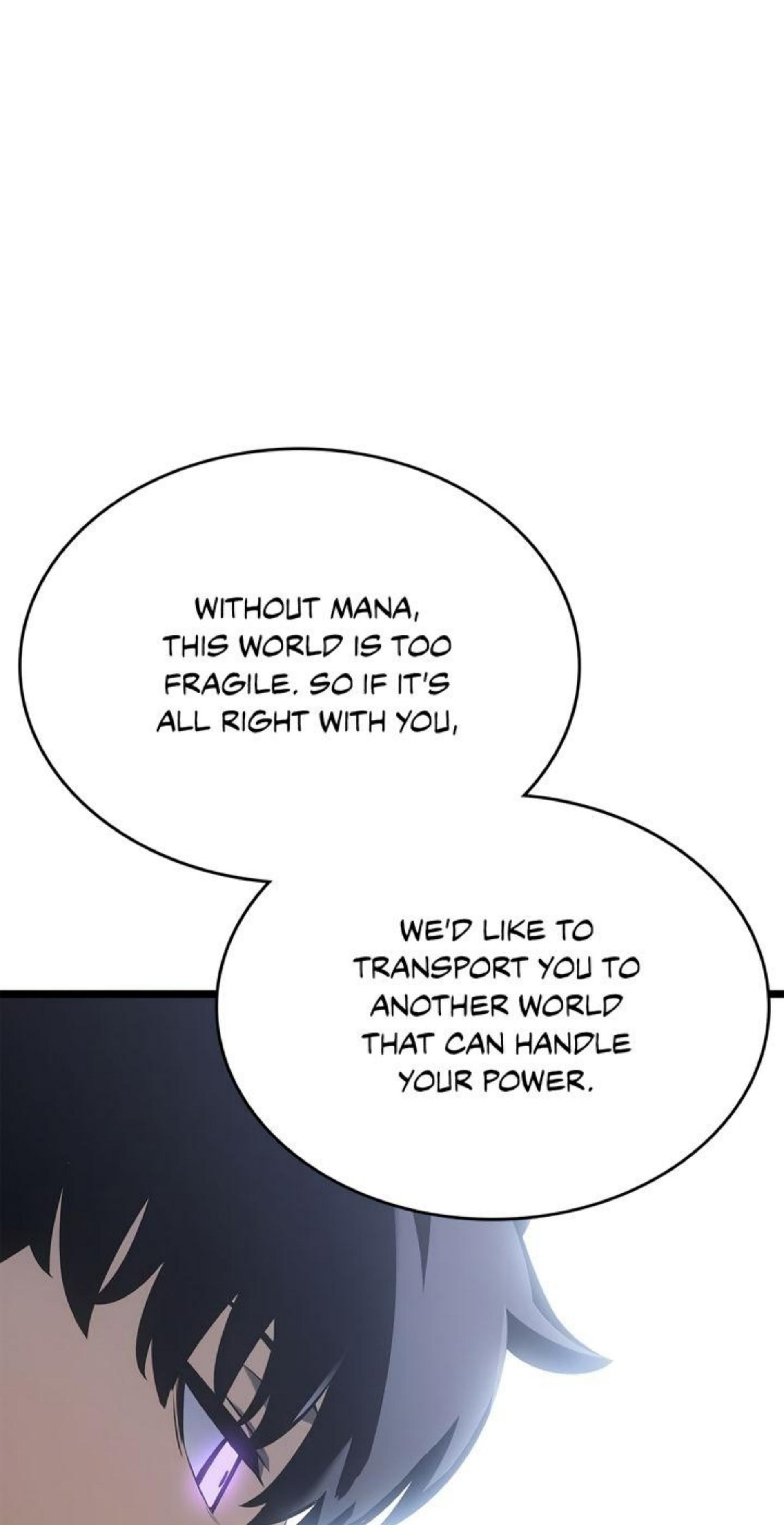


HOWEVER...  
THE RULERS ARE  
WORRIED ABOUT THE  
EFFECT YOUR POWER  
WILL HAVE ON THIS  
WORLD.



AS YOU ALREADY  
KNOW, THE POWER YOU  
POSSESS IS FAR TOO  
GREAT FOR EARTH  
TO HANDLE.

...SO?



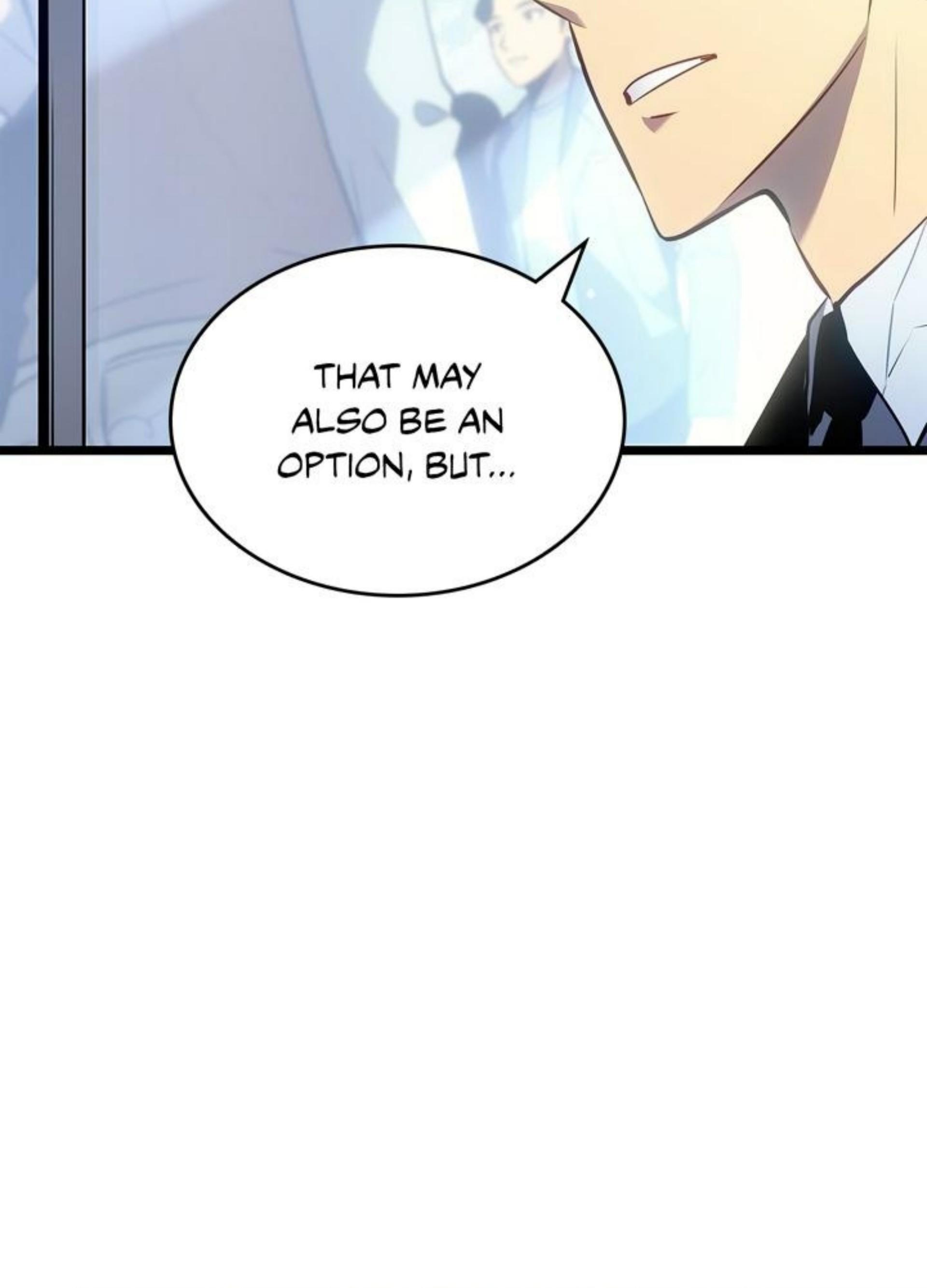
WITHOUT MANA,  
THIS WORLD IS TOO  
FRAGILE. SO IF IT'S  
ALL RIGHT WITH YOU,

WE'D LIKE TO  
TRANSPORT YOU TO  
ANOTHER WORLD  
THAT CAN HANDLE  
YOUR POWER.



INSTEAD OF  
GOING THROUGH ALL  
THAT TROUBLE, YOU  
COULD ALWAYS JUST  
SEAL ME AWAY AND  
CALL IT A DAY.

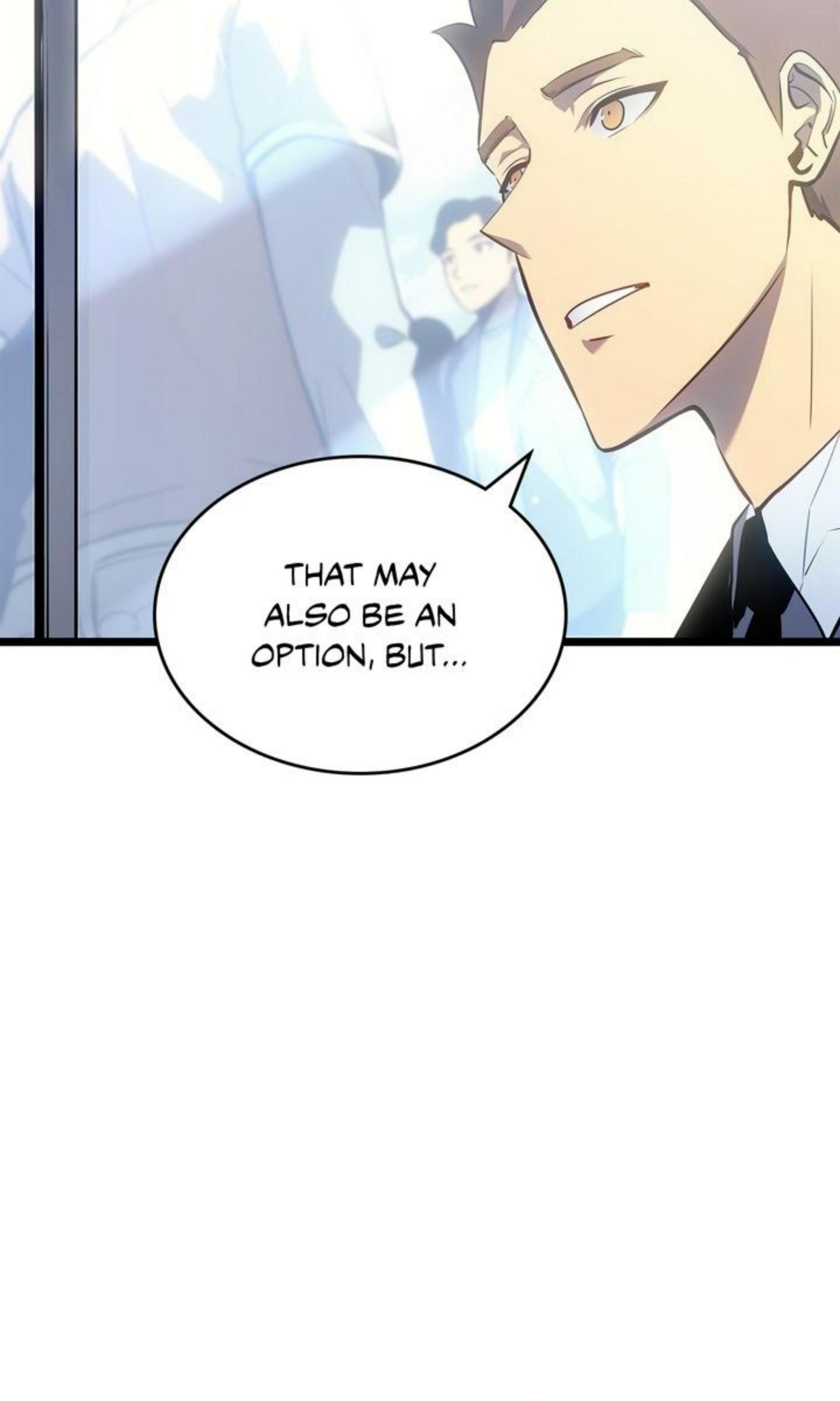




THAT MAY  
ALSO BE AN  
OPTION, BUT...



SCOOP



ARE YOU TRYING TO  
GET RID OF ME, NOW  
THAT MY PURPOSE HAS  
BEEN SERVED?



JUST BECAUSE  
YOU FEAR MY POWER?



NO! IT'S NOT  
LIKE THAT  
AT ALL!!

PLEASE TAKE  
A LOOK AT THIS.

"THE GOD OF DEATH WILL DESCEND UPON THIS LAND"? WHAT'S THIS ARTICLE ABOUT?



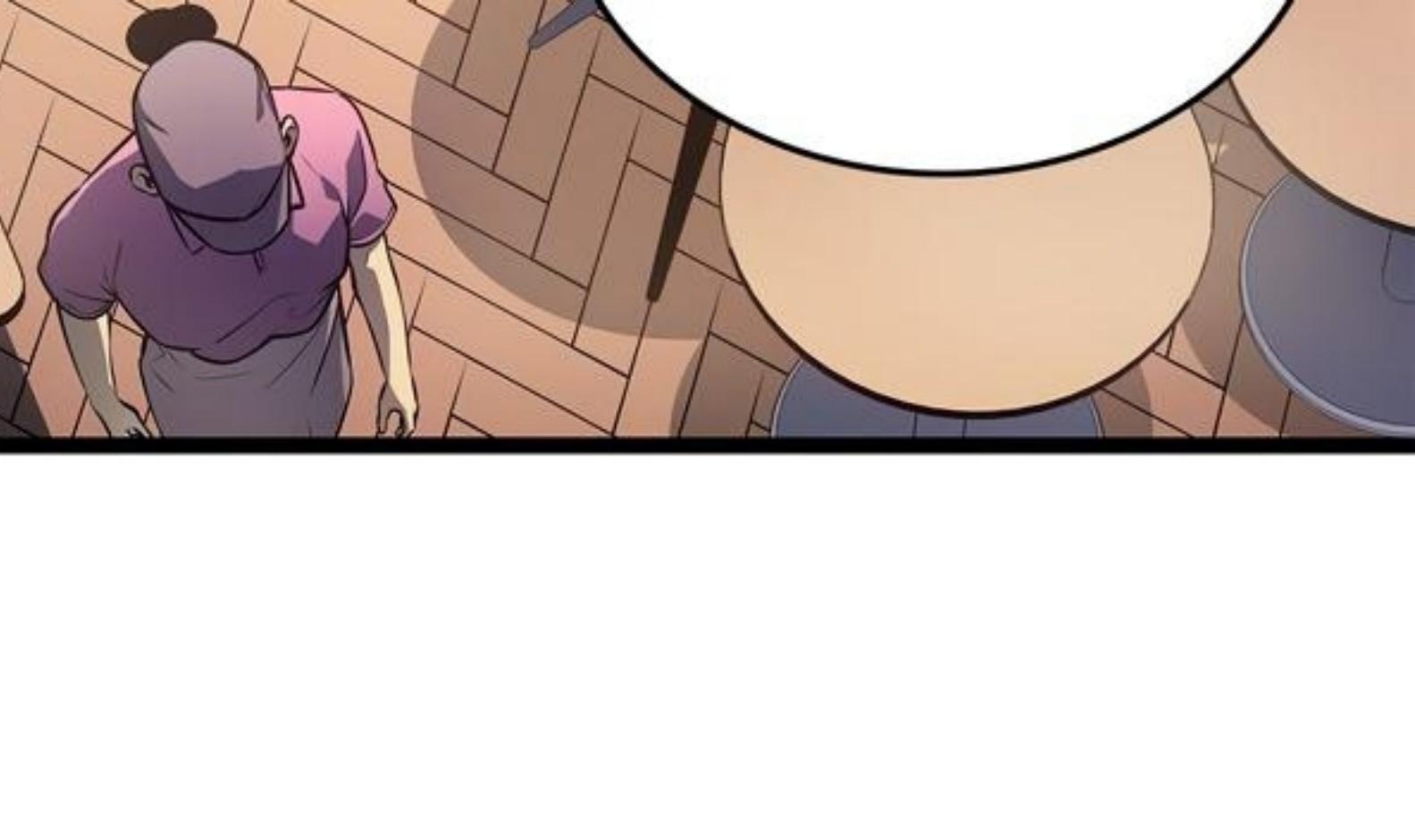
MS. SELNER'S PROPHECY HAS BEEN GARNERING MUCH ATTENTION SINCE BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL.

SHE WASN'T SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE FORTUNE TELLER BACK WHEN YOU FIRST DISAPPEARED.

BUT HAVING CONTACT WITH OUR WORLD CHANGED HER LIFE.

SO IN SHORT, YOU'RE SAYING MY EXISTENCE CAN BRING ABOUT THESE KINDS OF CHANGES?

YES, SIR.



...

COULD YOU COME BACK ANOTHER TIME?

...AS YOU WISH,  
ALMIGHTY MONARCH.



IF EVERY LIVING  
THING HAS A PURPOSE  
FOR EXISTING,

THEN ONE  
THING'S FOR  
SURE.



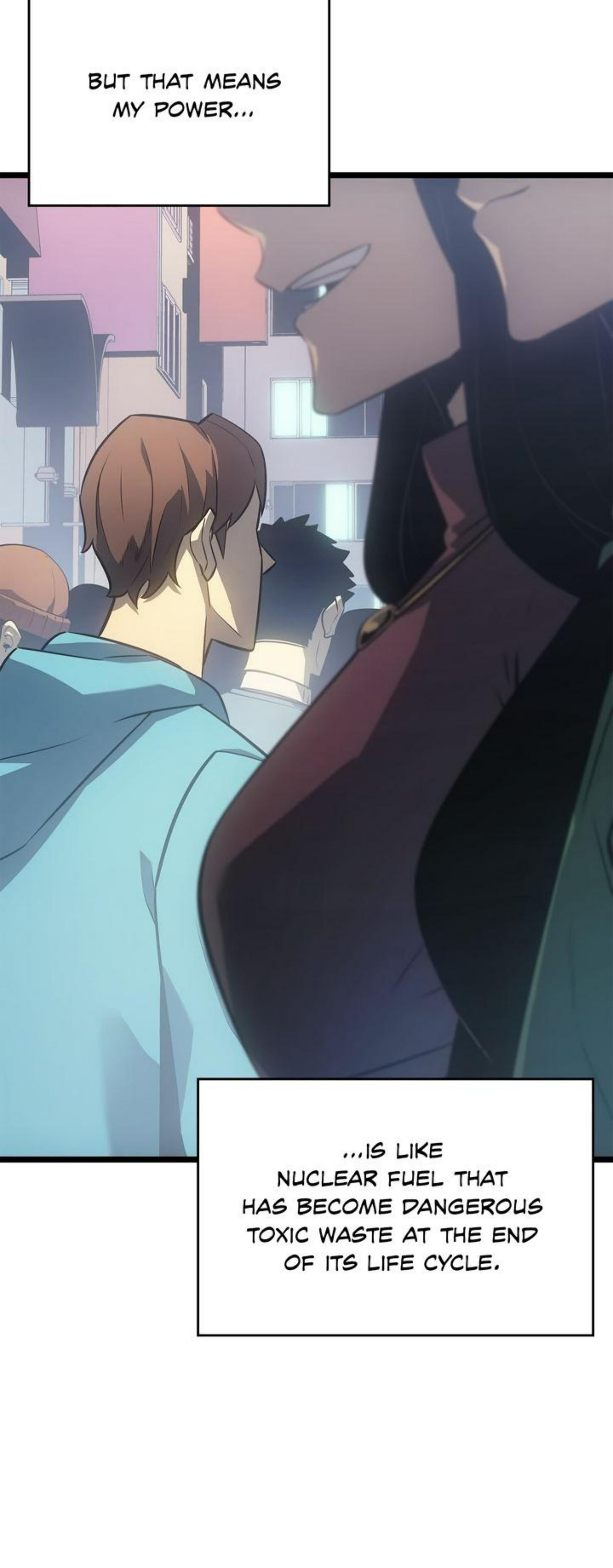
AS THE NEW  
SHADOW MONARCH...

...I USED MY POWERS  
TO PUT A STOP TO THE  
SUPERNATURAL DISASTERS  
THAT THREATENED THE  
WORLD, AS WELL AS THE  
MONARCHS' ATTACK.



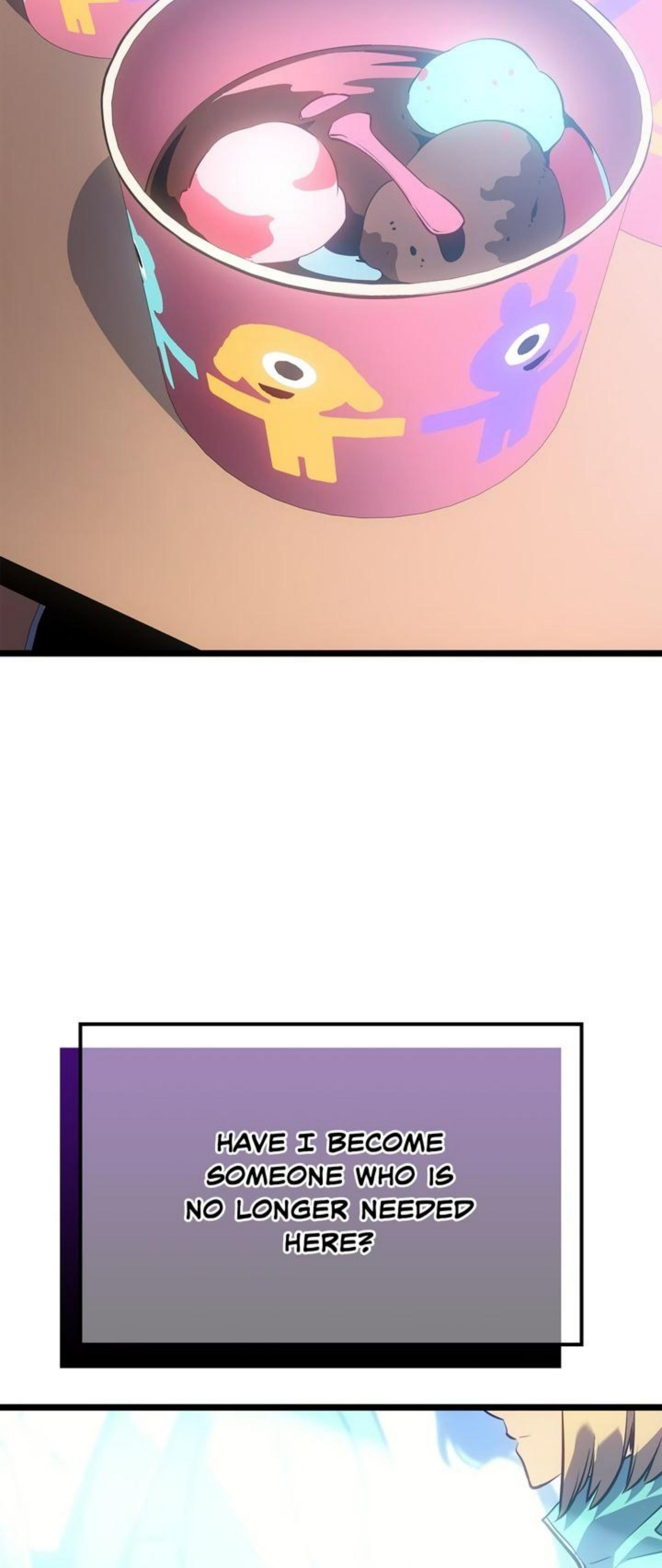
THUS, I HAVE  
FULFILLED MY  
DUTY.

BUT THAT MEANS  
MY POWER...



...IS LIKE  
NUCLEAR FUEL THAT  
HAS BECOME DANGEROUS  
TOXIC WASTE AT THE END  
OF ITS LIFE CYCLE.

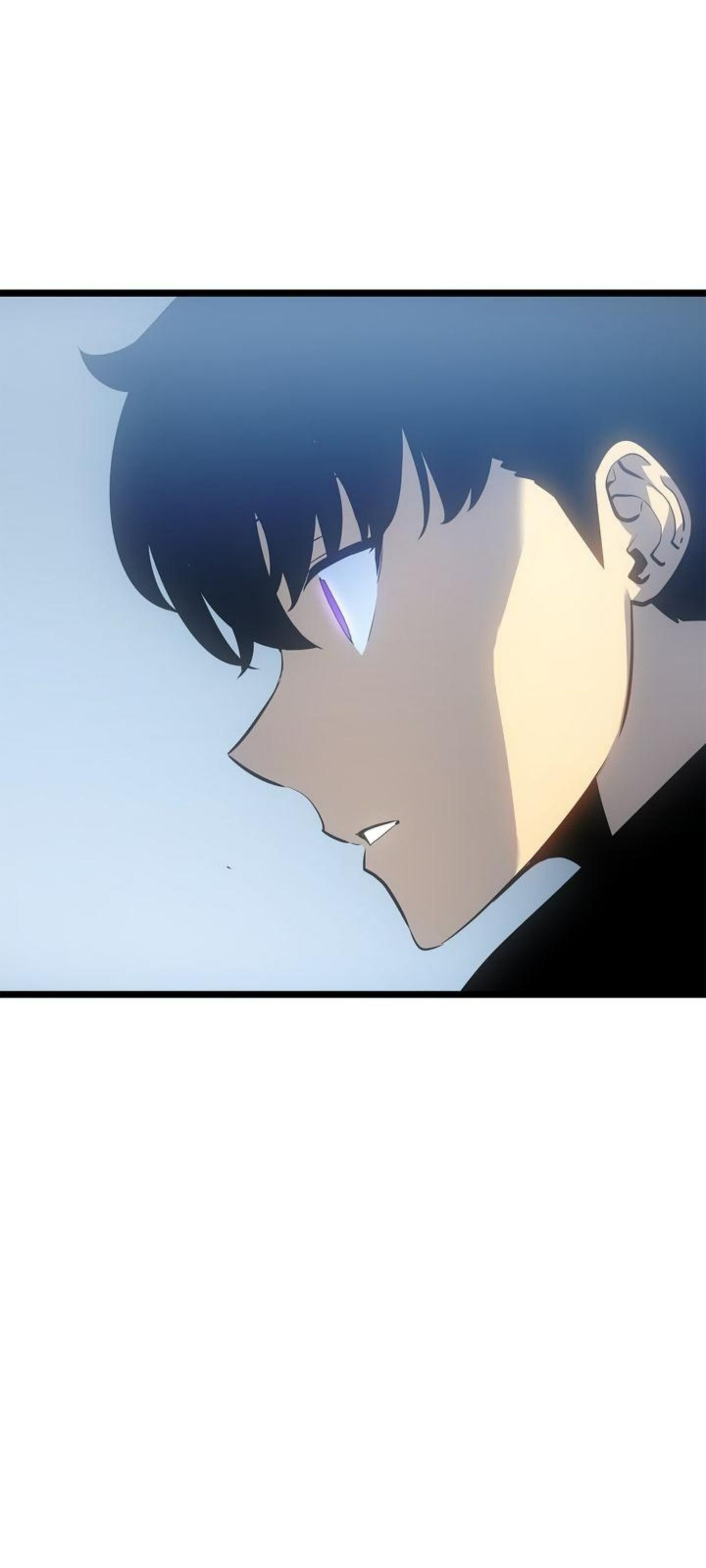
WHICH BRINGS UP  
THE QUESTION...



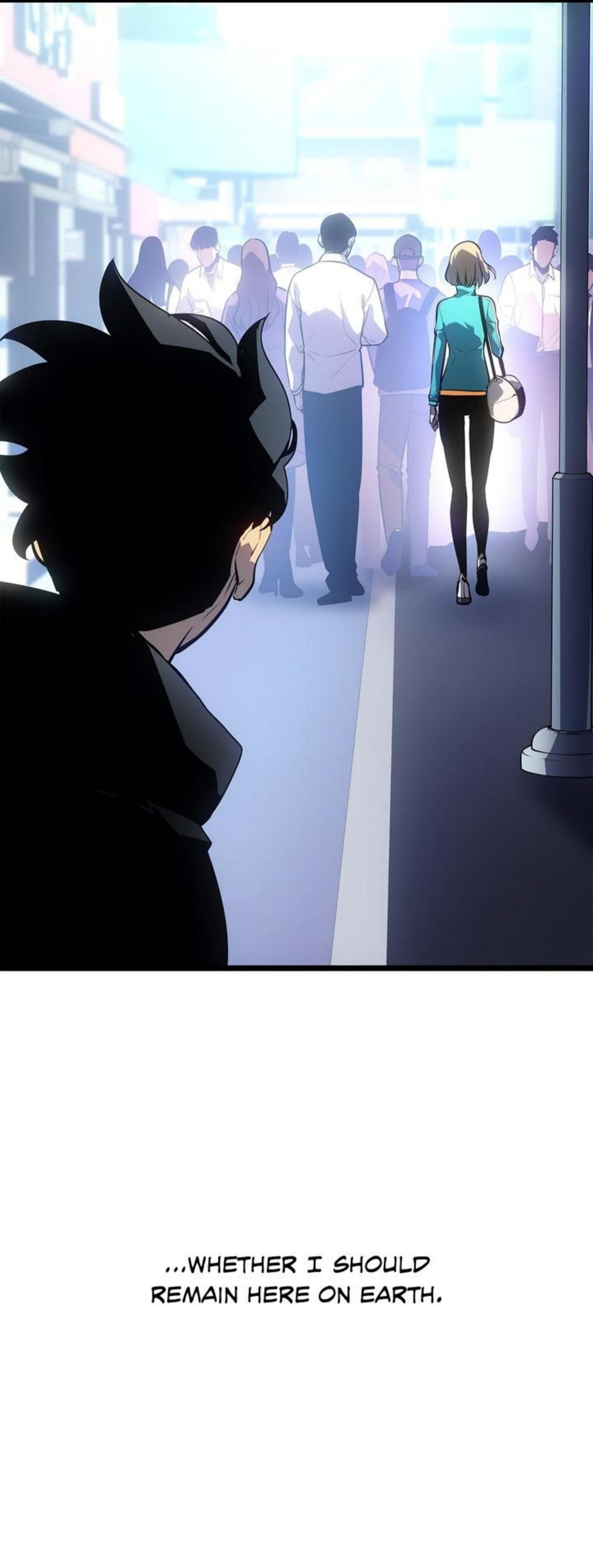
HAVE I BECOME  
SOMEONE WHO IS  
NO LONGER NEEDED  
HERE?







FROM NOW ON,  
I'LL PROBABLY CONTINUE  
TO QUESTION...



...WHETHER I SHOULD  
REMAIN HERE ON EARTH.

HUH?

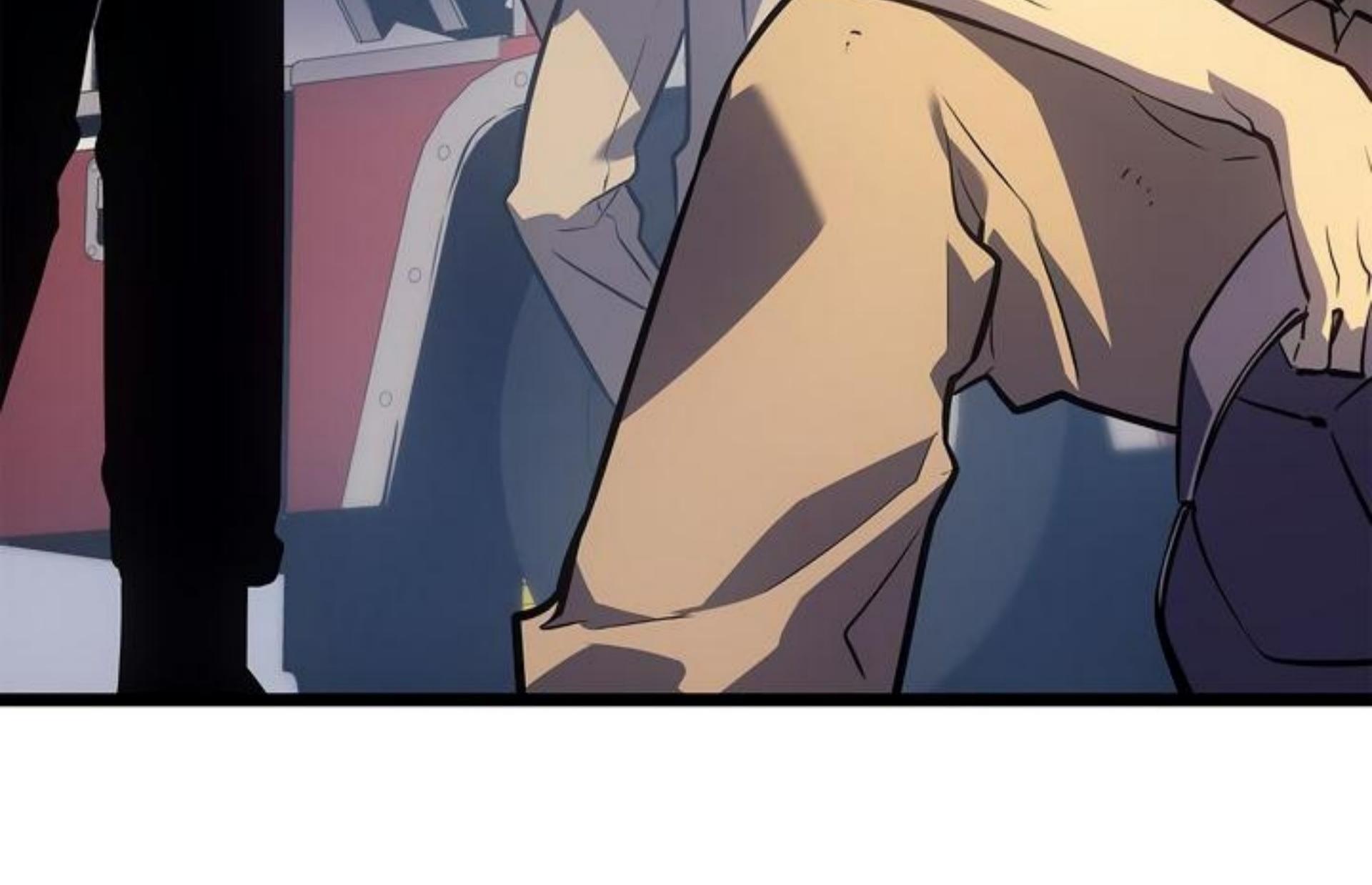
DID ICE CREAM  
ALWAYS SMELL  
THIS GOOD?



BUT...



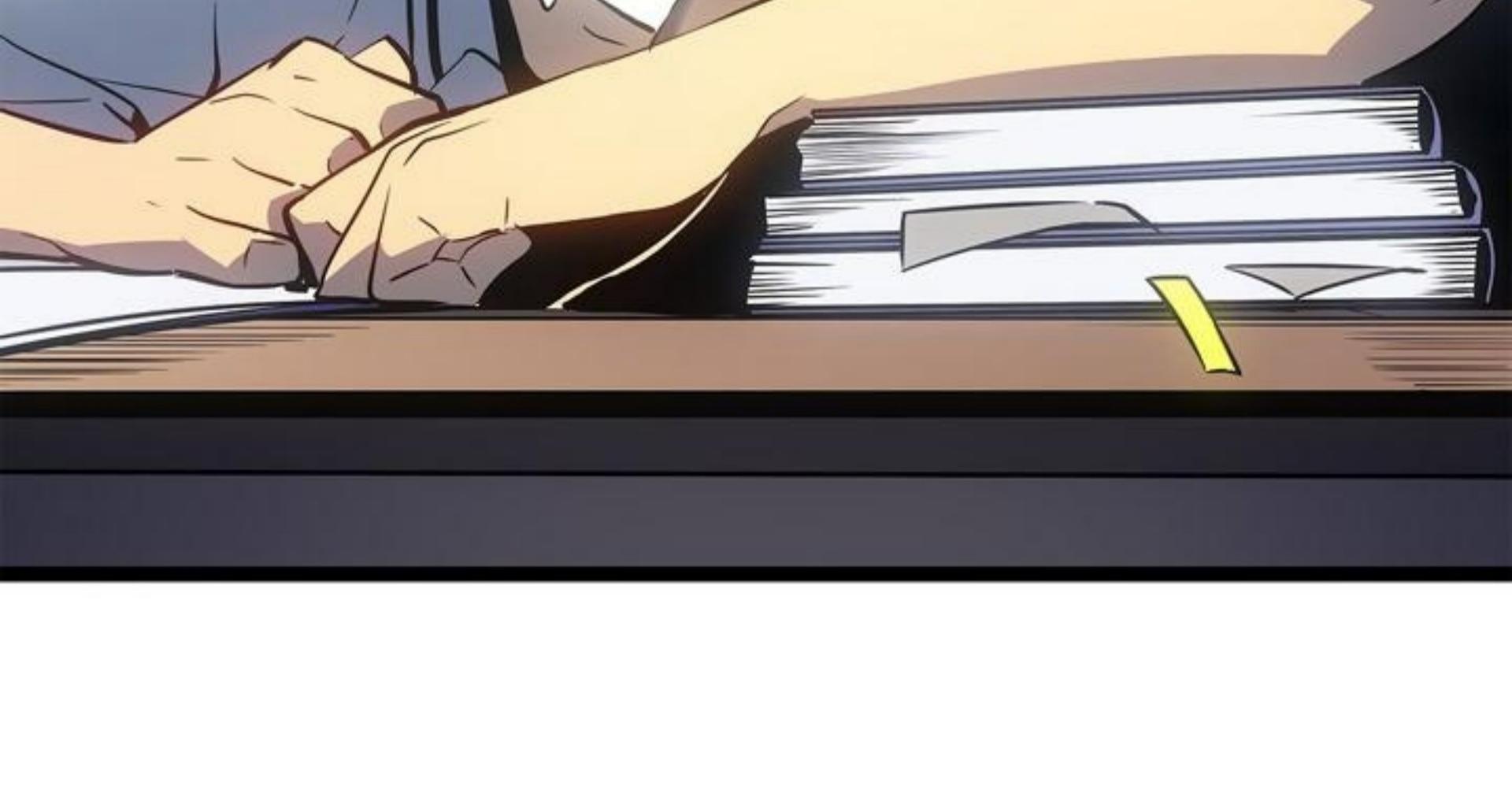
...IF I HAD TO NAME ONE  
REASON WHY I SHOULD STAY...



...IT WOULD BE  
BECAUSE...



...THE PEOPLE  
I LOVE ARE STILL  
HERE...

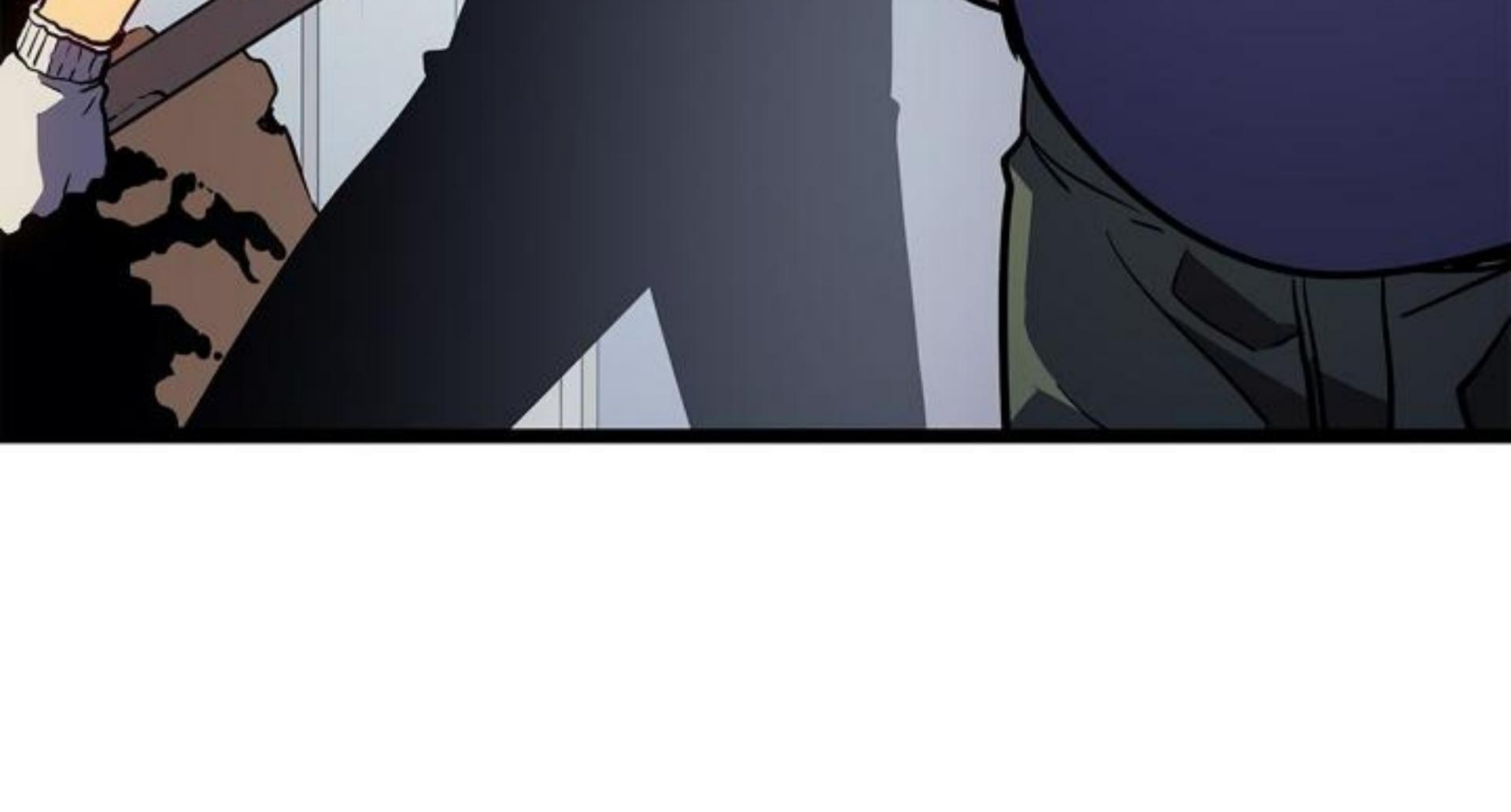
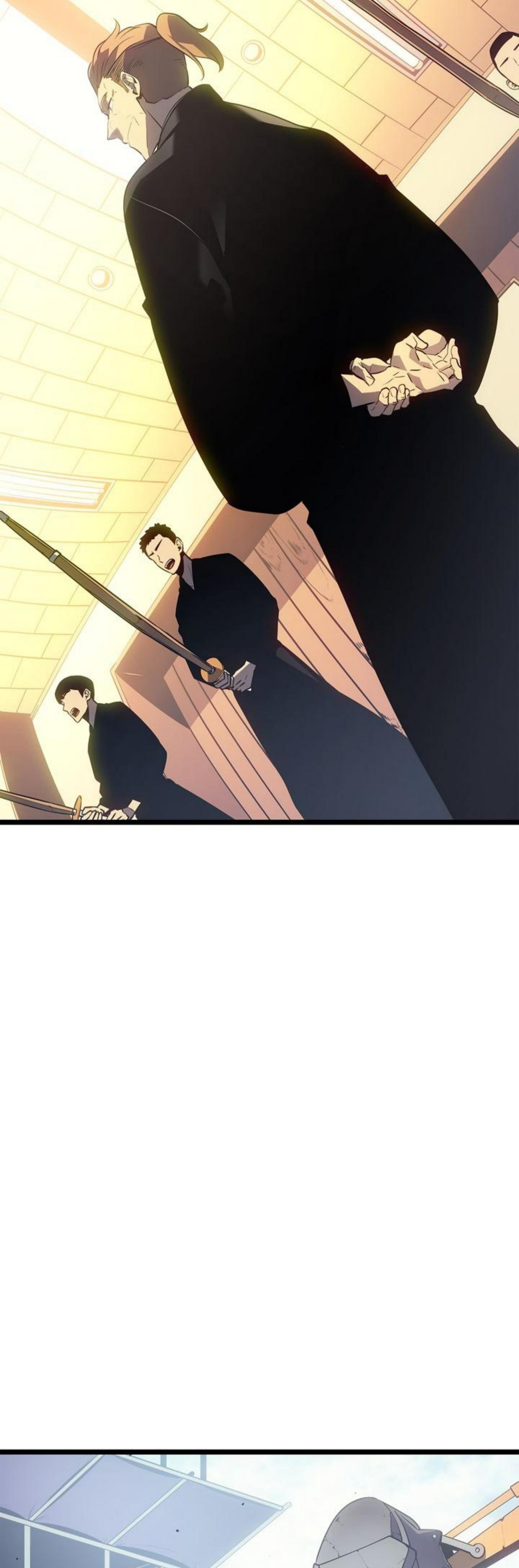


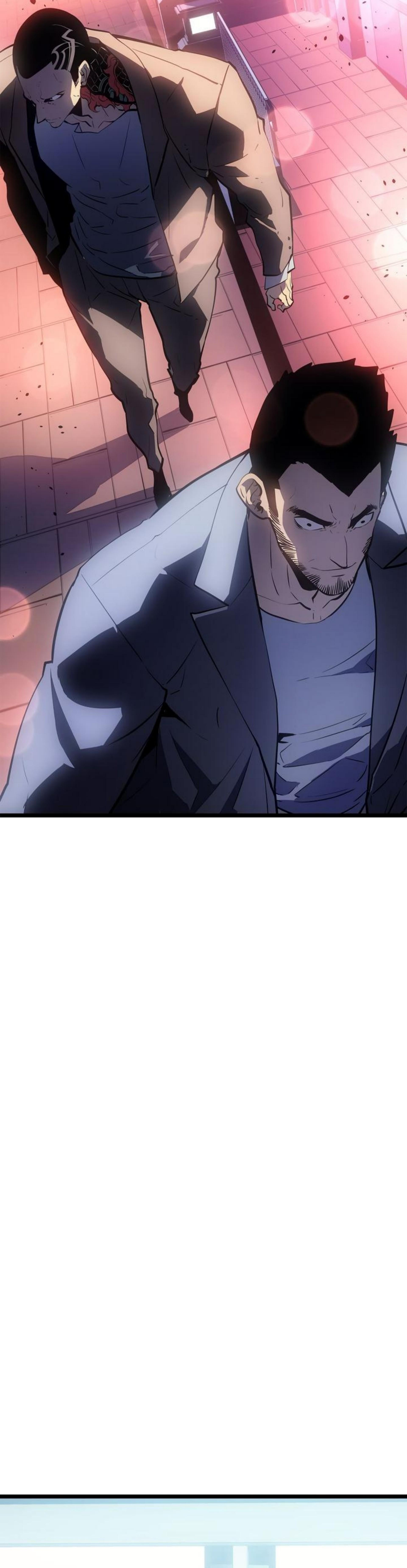
...AS WELL AS  
THE PEOPLE WHO  
LOVE ME NOW...

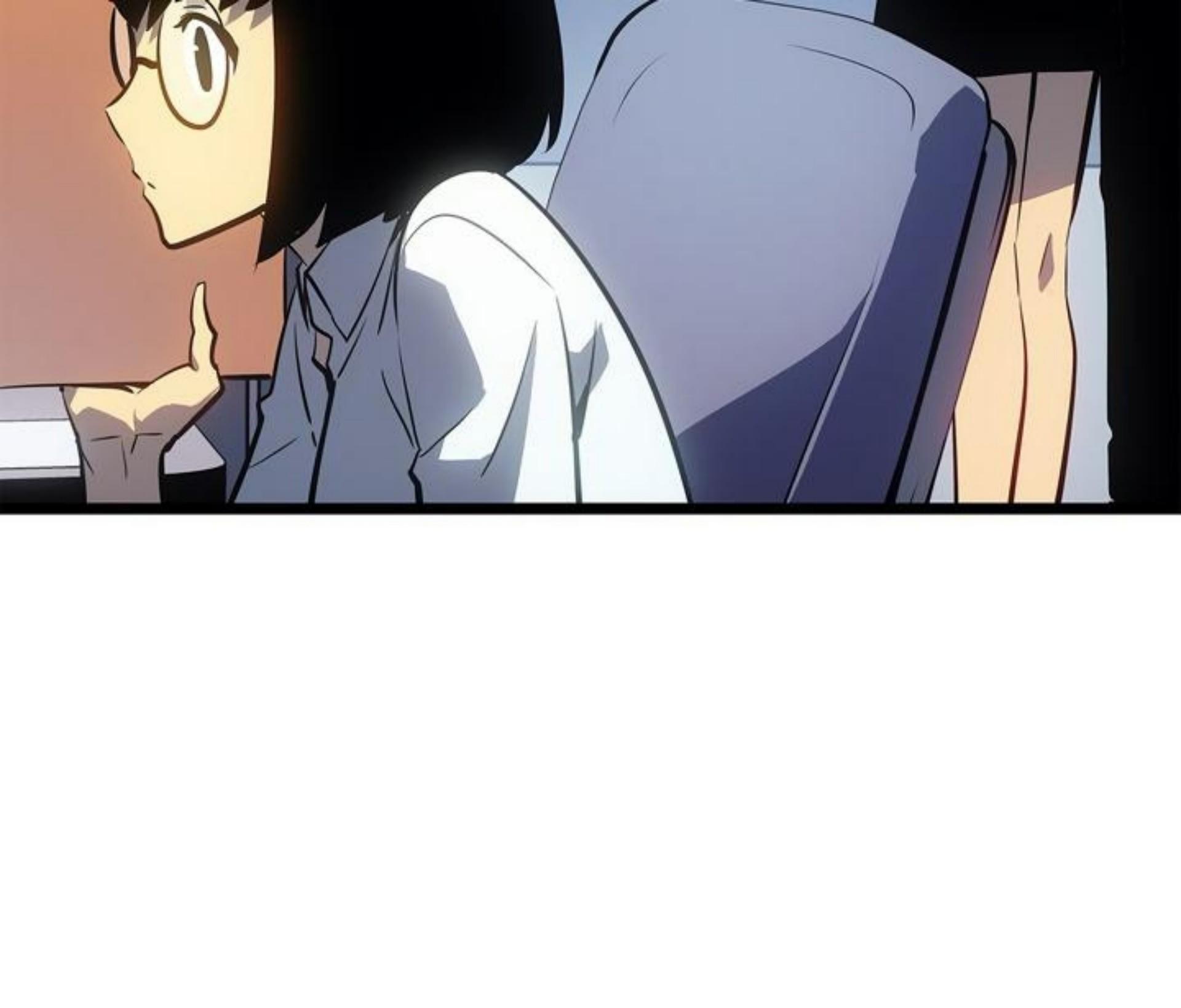


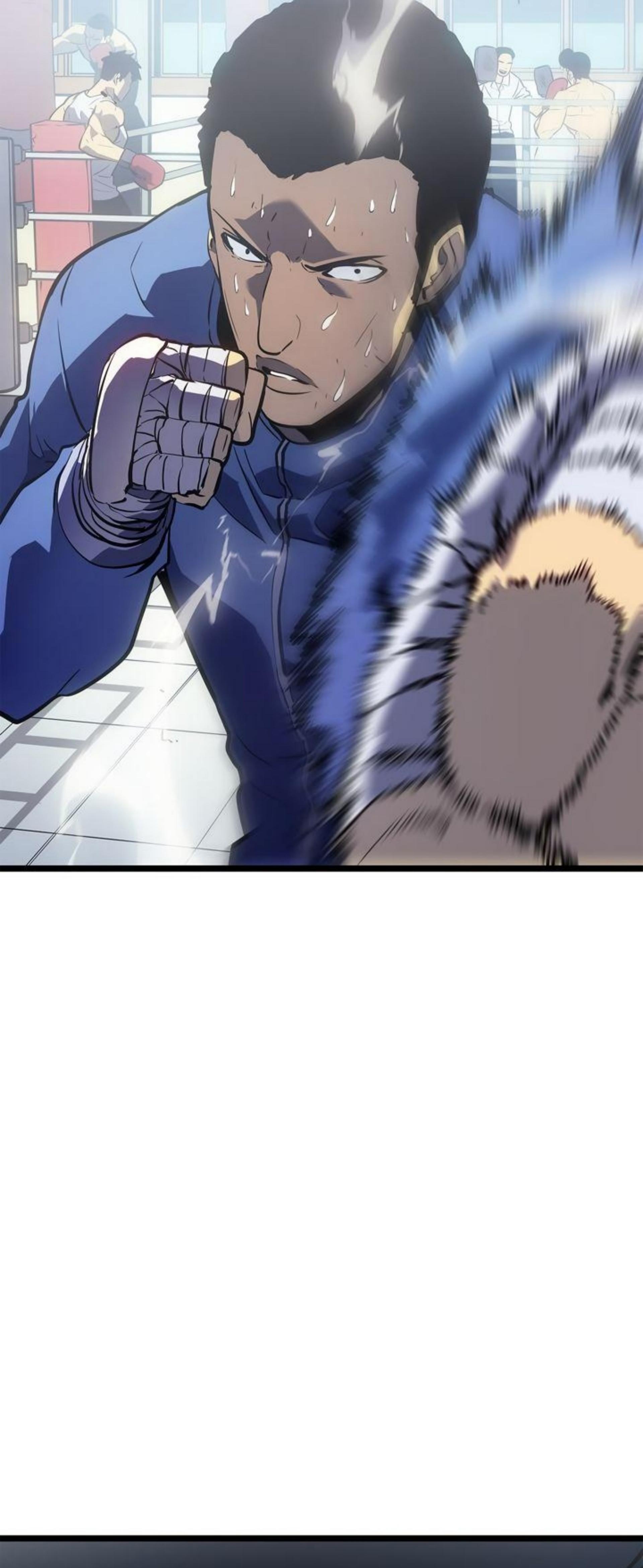
...AND LOVED ME BEFORE.









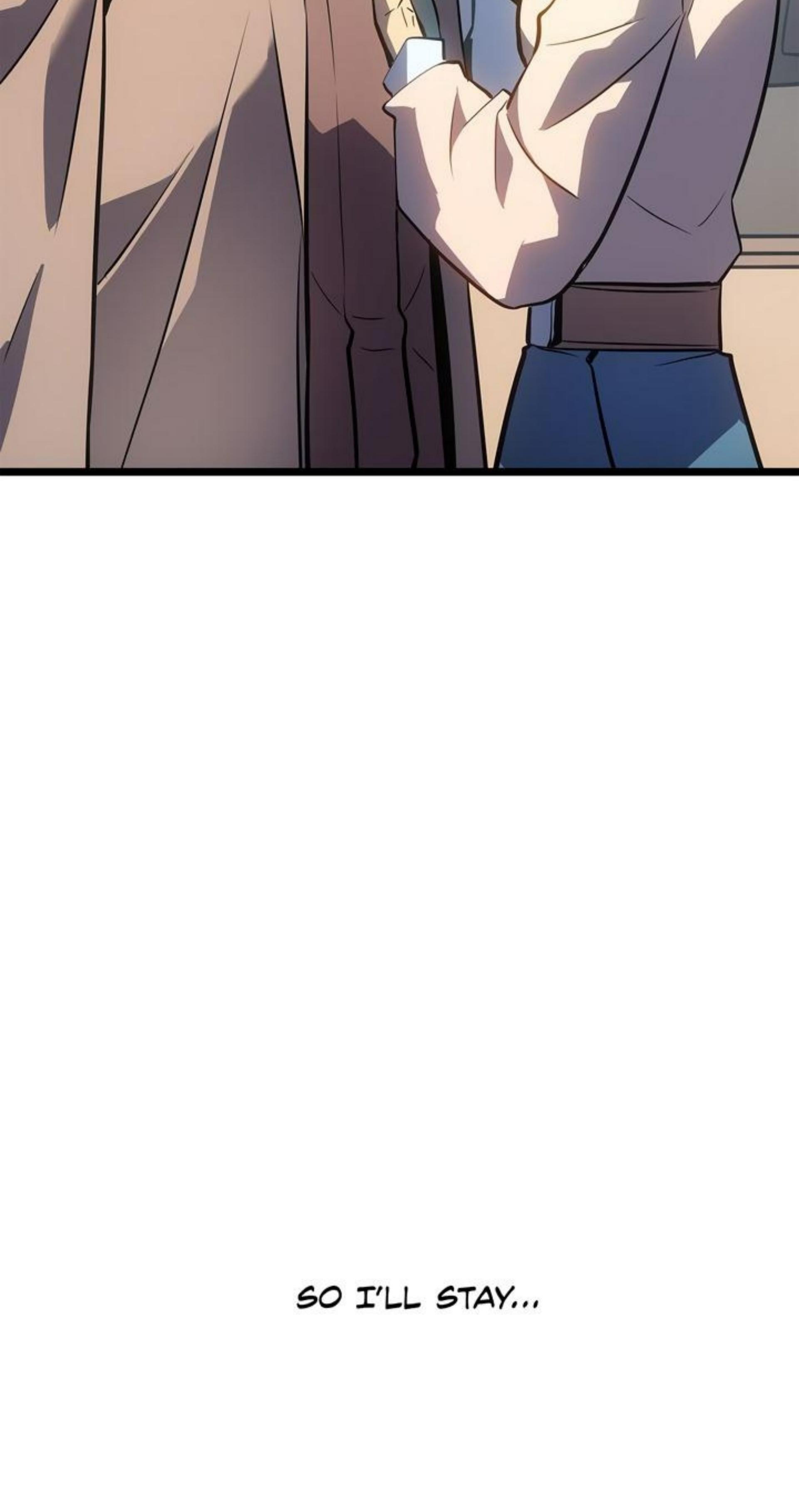


I THINK...



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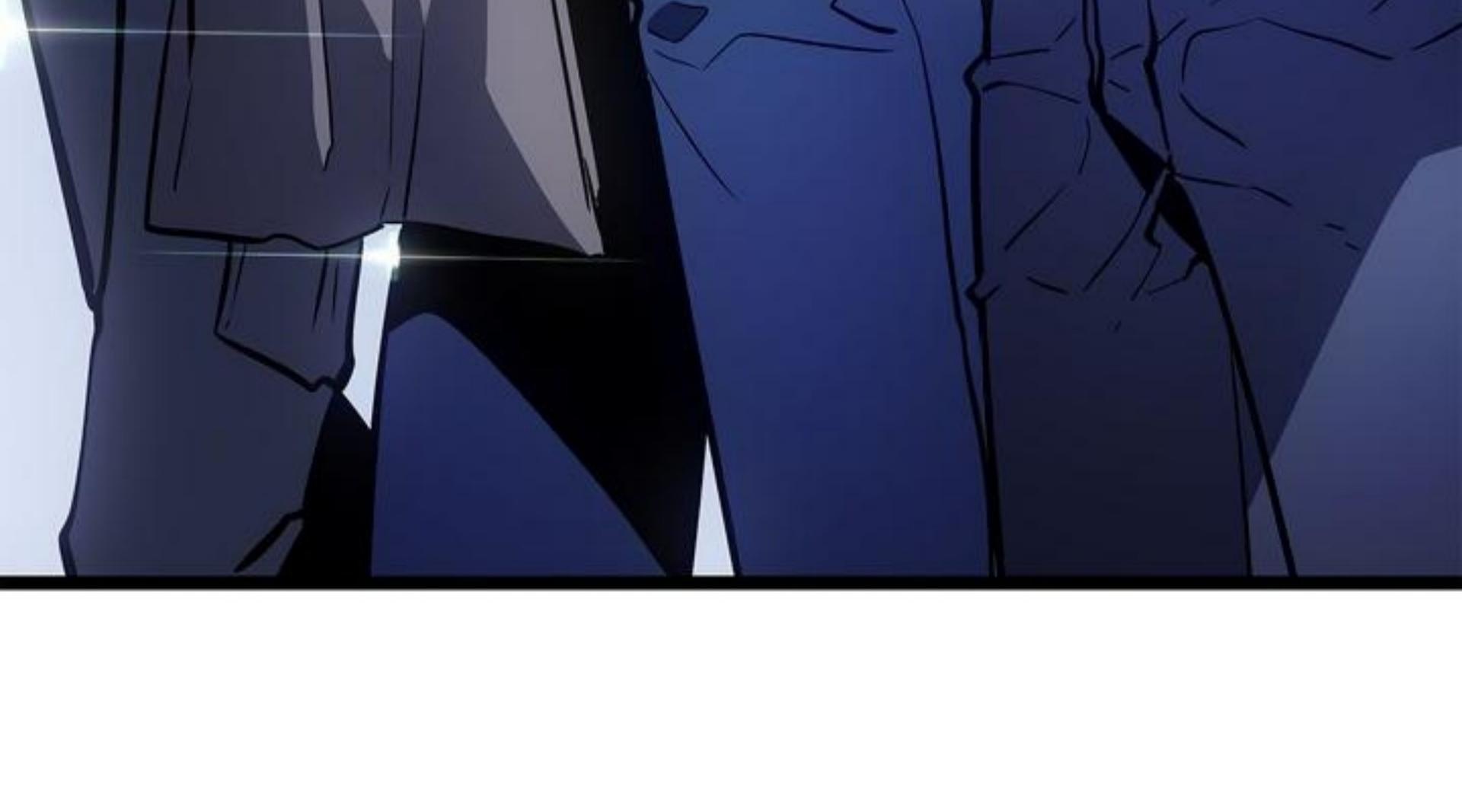
...THAT'S MORE THAN  
ENOUGH REASON FOR  
ME TO REMAIN HERE.

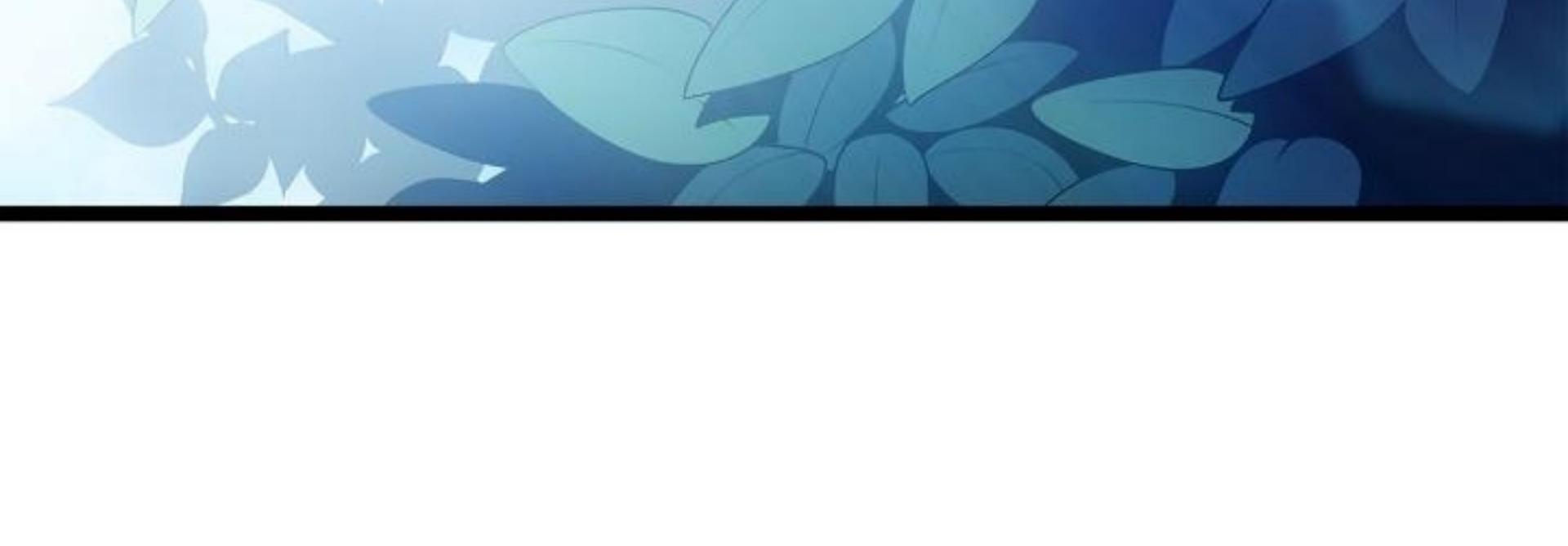
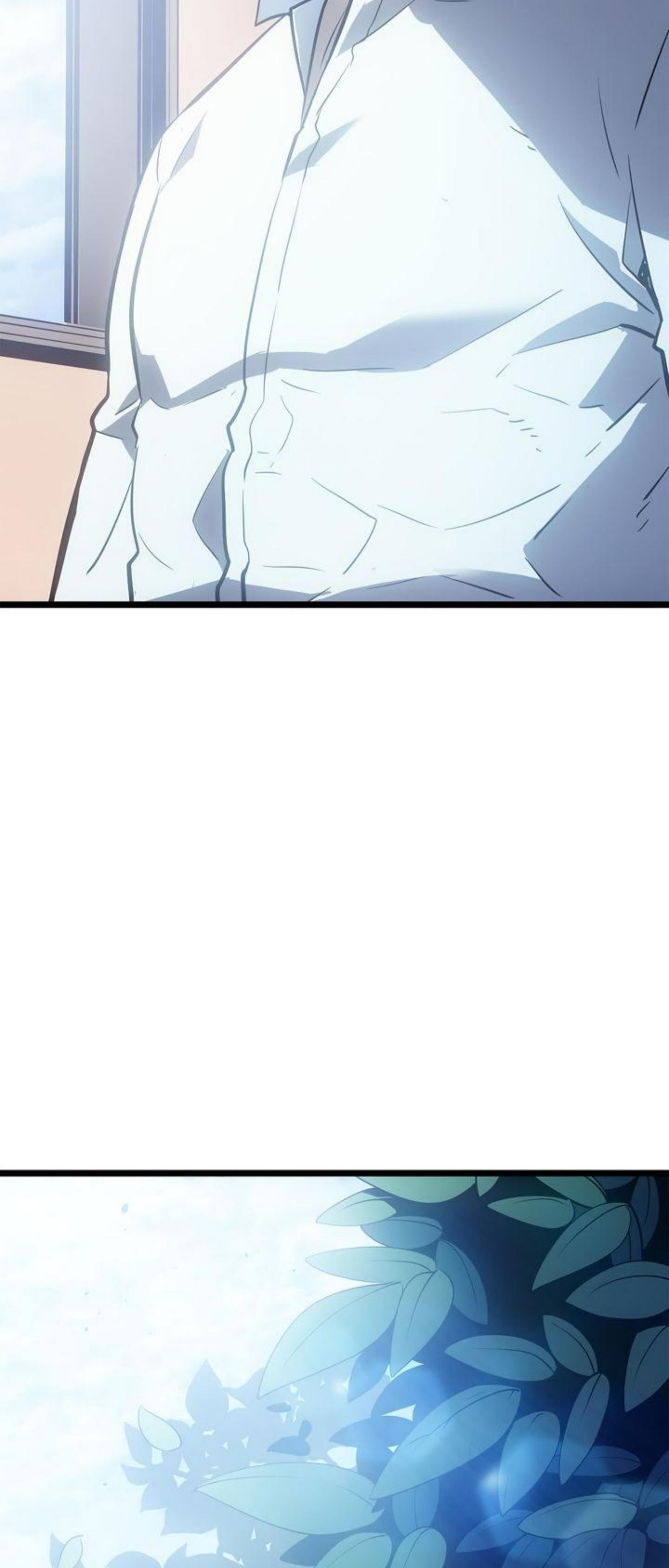


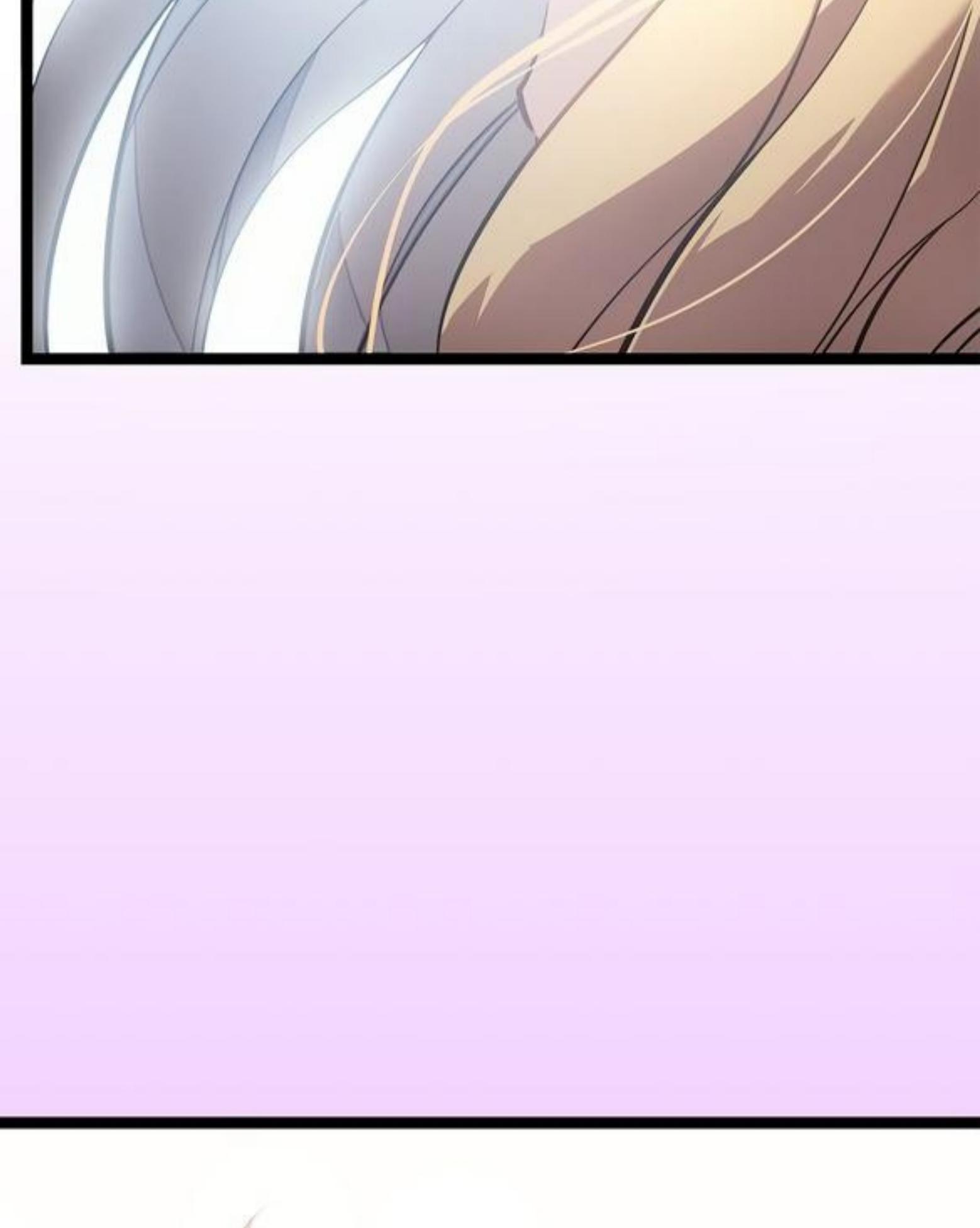
SO I'LL STAY...



...AND SEARCH FOR  
OTHER REASONS...







**...WHY I SHOULD  
CONTINUE TO STAY.**



HELLO EVERYONE.  
JANG SUNGRAK HERE.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING MY WEBTOON  
SO MUCH LOVE, DESPITE ALL ITS FLAWS.  
I LEARNED A LOT FROM TAKING ON THIS NEW  
CHALLENGE, AND ALL THE LOVE THE SERIES HAS  
RECEIVED MADE ME FEEL BOTH HAPPY  
AND HUMBLED.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY ASSISTANTS FOR  
HELPING ME BRING THIS WEBTOON TO A CLOSE.  
THAT INCLUDES MR. PARK, WHO HELPED ME ALL  
BY HIMSELF DURING SEASON ONE, AND MR. LEE,  
WHO DID THE SAME FOR SEASON TWO, WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF A FEW MONTHS. THANK YOU BOTH  
FOR HELPING ME ACHIEVE MY VISION FOR THIS  
SERIES. SUCH A GREAT OUTCOME WOULD'VE BEEN

IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR PASSION AND HELP.  
I'D LIKE TO THANK MR. LEE AGAIN IN PARTICULAR.  
HE IS A PRECIOUS COLLEAGUE OF MINE WHO  
HELPED ME WITH EACH CHAPTER TILL THE END,  
DOWN TO THE COLORING AS WELL. (I DIDN'T HAVE  
TIME TO GET CONSENT FROM MY ASSISTANTS, SO  
I WON'T REVEAL THEIR FULL NAMES HERE.)

FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE AUTHOR OF  
THE ORIGINAL STORY, CHUGONG, AS WELL AS  
EVERYONE AT REDICE STUDIO AND THEIR PARTNER  
COMPANY, D&C MEDIA.

I WILL TRY TO WORK EVEN HARDER  
FROM HERE ON OUT. THANK YOU.

JUNG SUNGRAK (REDICE STUDIO)



LIFE IS AN ENDLESS QUEST, WHERE YOU MUST  
LEVEL UP CONSTANTLY: SOMETIMES ALONE,  
SOMETIMES WITH COMPANY. THEREFORE,  
I'D LIKE TO WISH LUCK TO ALL MY READERS  
ON THEIR REMAINING JOURNEY!

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING *(SOLO LEVELING)*  
SO MUCH LOVE. UNTIL NEXT TIME!



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